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UTM's professors rated online

Jay Baker

Professors: Here's to the end of being hated by your students, well, for some of you.

UT Martin students rate their professors higher than most colleges in the U.S. on the popular Web site www.ratemyprofessors.com.

According to the site, UTM is ranked 40th out of about 6,000 schools in overall rating for faculty beating out such schools as Boston University and Cornell University, which were ranked 45th and 50th respectively.

More than 7.5 million ratings for about 1 million professors were used to determine the rankings. Rate my professors.

com, owned by Viacom Inc.'s subsidiary mtvU, allows students to rate their professors on clarity, easiness and helpfulness.

An overall rating is compiled from these ratings. Though it doesn't affect the overall rating, students can also choose to give the professor a "chili pepper" to rate their hotness.

The site also compiled lists of the highest rated and the most attractive professors, using rating data over the past 2½ years, with the most recent ratings taking a higher priority.

Robert Citino of Eastern Michigan University is the highest rated professor on the site, and Maria Disavino of Manhattan University is rated as the hottest

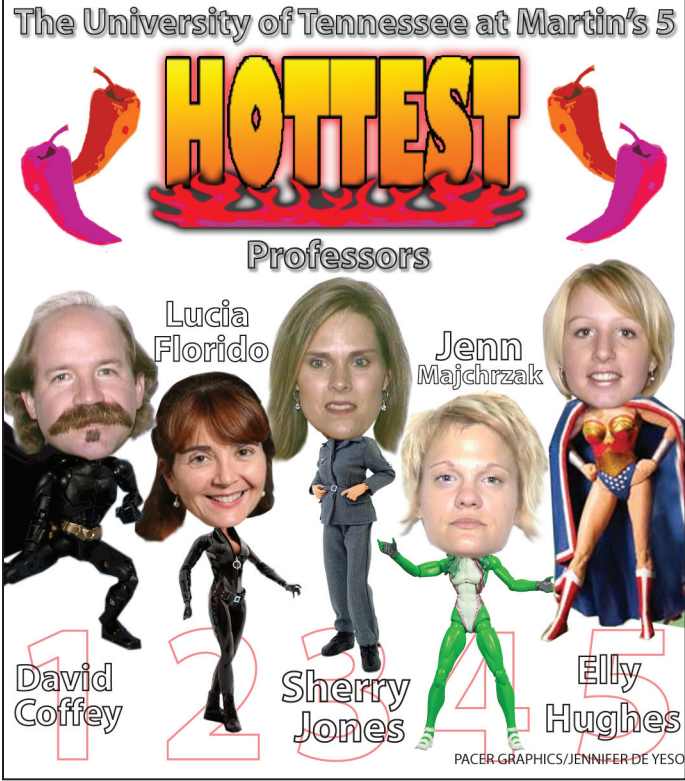
professor.

UTM's top five hottest professors (in order) as rated by their students are David Coffey, Lucia Florido, Sherry Jones, Jenn Majchrzak and Elly Hughes.

The hotness score is computed by adding the number of "hot" ratings (which count as +1) to the number of "not" ratings (which count as -1).

UTM's top five overall rated professors (in order) are Dennis Taylor, Kyoko Hammond, Stacie Smith, Jennifer Beckman and Roger Fisher.

UTM's top five easiest professors (in order) are Samuel Anderson, Roger Fisher, Michael Rayburn, Terry Haley and Donna McBeth.



Crime likely to increase during winter holidays

John Summers

The holidays may be the most wonderful time of the year – not just for shoppers, but also for thieves.

All criminals and would-be criminals know that shoppers will come out in droves during the holiday season. Students and local residents will have to be extra careful to not become another statistic.

In a survey of various UTM students, Jackson—about an hour away from Martin—was the top place where students planned to do most of their holiday shopping, taking 62 percent of responses.

Research conducted on www.areaconnect.com shows that Jackson ranks above the national average in every category labeled as a violent crime, which includes robbery and murder, or a property crime, which includes burglary and larceny and theft.

Readers should take note that Jackson does not come close to matching the crime incidents that occur in larger cities such as Detroit or St. Louis; the crime rankings are based on per capita rates averaged out per 100,000 residents. While readers still should be concerned about these studies, they can be relieved to learn that Jackson's crime rate is actually falling.

However, robbery and burglary are the only two categories that are higher than last year, according to statistics on the Jackson Police Department Web site.

According to the site, there were already 226 reported robbery offenses through October of this year, compared to 157 through October of 2006. There have also been 1,122 reported burglary offenses, which is 189 more than last year.

Other nearby shopping destinations can be dangerous as well.

Memphis is regularly one of the top 10 most dangerous cities, ranking eighth in this year's Congressional Quarterly report.

It also ranks high above the national average in every category in the overall crime index, a total of violent and property crimes.

While Nashville's crime index is far lower than Memphis', it is still almost two times higher than the national average.

Paducah, Ky., is a safer option for shoppers. It ranks below the national average in robberies and murders. When you couple this in with the fact that tax is lower in Kentucky, Paducah seems to be a great alternative.

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Students appetites not met in Martin

David Hampton

Students overwhelmingly chose restaurants as what they'd most like to see come to economically fledgling Martin, according to a poll conducted by *The Pacer*.

More than 40 percent of students sampled said they wanted a new restaurant in Martin, a college town with about 10,000 residents. About one-third of those students said they want to bring an O'Charley's casual dining restaurant to town.

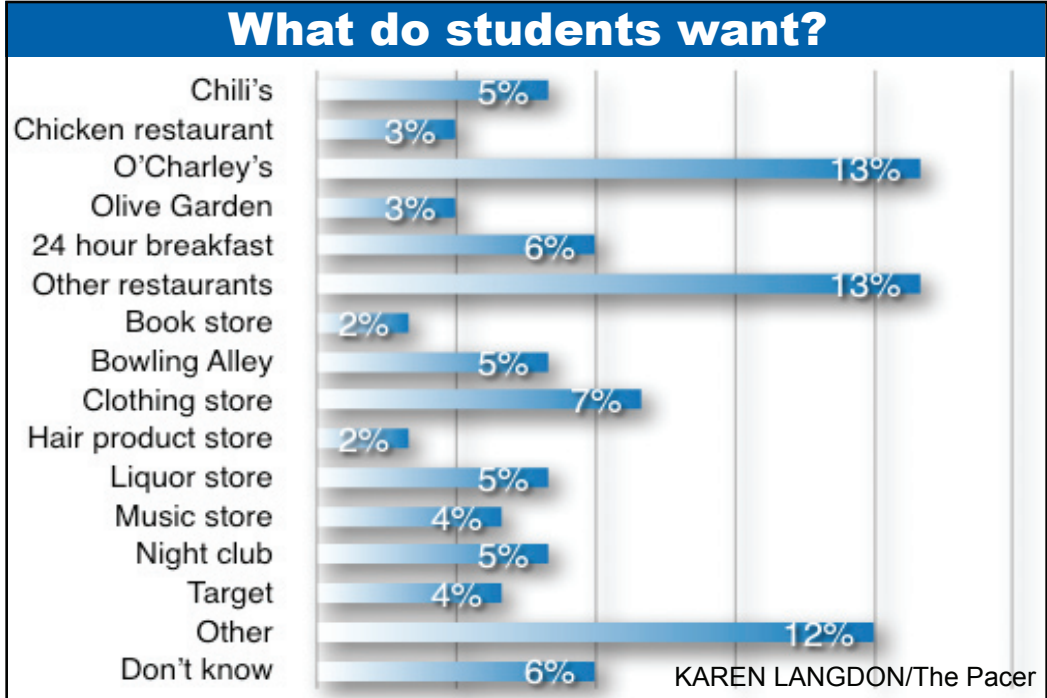
*The Pacer* interviewed 100 random students on Nov. 19 on the UTM campus and asked them what they'd most like to see in the town.

Another third prefer another kind of restaurant, and about 6 percent of students said they wanted a 24-hour breakfast restaurant like Huddle House, IHOP or Waffle House.

Plans to build a Waffle House in Martin fell through earlier this year.

Mayor Randy Brundige said the Huddle House project fell through because "people who were interested decided that they were not restaurant people."

Brundige said that Atlanta-based Huddle House Inc. is still interested



in coming to this area but that someone has to purchase a franchise. Huddle House charges a \$25,000 franchise fee, one of the cheapest in the chain restaurant industry, Brundige said.

Chicken restaurants and Chili's casual dining restaurants had less than 10 percent support from students.

Besides restaurants, about 12 percent of students said they'd like to see entertainment venues like night clubs, music stores, book stores or a bowling alley.

Less than 10 percent of respondents said they'd like to see a Target store or clothing store come to town, an unlikely proposal for the retail chain because of Martin's size.

In the end, it may be the town's size that stifles growth in chain restaurants or retailers.

The city passed a referendum allowing liquor-by-the-drink sales in 2002, and proponents of the ordinance said easier alcohol sales would help national restaurant chains spring up.

But none have come.

O'Charley's Inc., based in Nashville, operates 239 O'Charley's restaurants in 19 states in the Southeast and Midwest, according to its Web site. The company also owns and operates Stoney River Legendary Steaks and Ninety Nine Restaurants in several states.

Of the 39 O'Charley's restaurants in Tennessee, only two were in cities smaller than Martin—one in Manchester in Middle Tennessee, a town of about 8,000, and another in Alcoa,

a suburb of Knoxville.

Their restaurant in Cookeville—home to Tennessee Tech—is typically one of the company's top-grossing restaurants in the region.

Calls on Monday to O'Charley's real estate division, which oversees new restaurants, were not returned.

A review by *The Pacer* in October found that "leakage"—the money spent by residents in other cities—is more than \$17 million annually.

Food and drink sales outside Martin made up \$14.3 million of that leakage.

Martin's economy also loses out on alcohol package sales.

Because Weakley County does not allow package alcohol sales, most students and faculty drive to nearby Fulton, Ky., to buy liquor.

About 5 percent of students in *The Pacer's* poll said Martin needs a liquor store more than anything else.

A research group based in Texas is currently surveying the Martin area to determine the best retail choices for the community. The research, which determines citizens' spending habits, is scheduled to be completed in January.

Tree falls by classroom building during rainstorm

Will York

UT Martin maintenance officials aren't sure what caused a tree to fall onto a sidewalk earlier this month during a brief rainstorm.

A red oak tree fell near a UT Martin classroom building Nov. 14 and toppled a brick wall, but no one was injured, which several students attributed to ongoing classes.

"Luckily almost everybody was in class when it fell," senior Lamar Stenson said. "If it would've happened later, it could have been very dangerous."

A waist-high wall dividing the walkway from a small garden near Gooch Hall partially collapsed

under the weight of the falling tree.

Maintenance workers used chainsaws and a bulldozer to clear the tree from the walkway almost immediately after it toppled.

"Having a tree down this close to the building is an inconvenience to students and could pose a safety hazard to students," said Tim Nipp, director of Physical Plant Operations. "I think the weather kept a lot of people inside and thankfully the tree didn't fall during class changes."

Wind reached 34 miles per hour at the height of the rain, according to readings at a campus weather station. A severe thunderstorm typically has a wind

speed of at least 55 mph.

"(We're) not really sure why it fell," Nipp said. "We have definitely had higher wind gusts in the past and the tree stood."

Nipp said no information was available about the tree's health before it fell.

The tree was about 50 years old, according to a count of its annual growth rings.

The storm went on to spawn a tornado that injured three children, downed trees, collapsed houses and caused highway accidents in East Tennessee Wednesday night, Tennessee Highway Patrol officials said.



A red oak tree next to Gooch Hall fell earlier this month because of 34 mile-an-hour winds, partially destroying a sidewalk leading to the building's quad entrance. The tree was approximately 50 years old.

TUESDAYWEATHER

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Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 59.

Thursday, expect partly cloudy skies with a low of 31.

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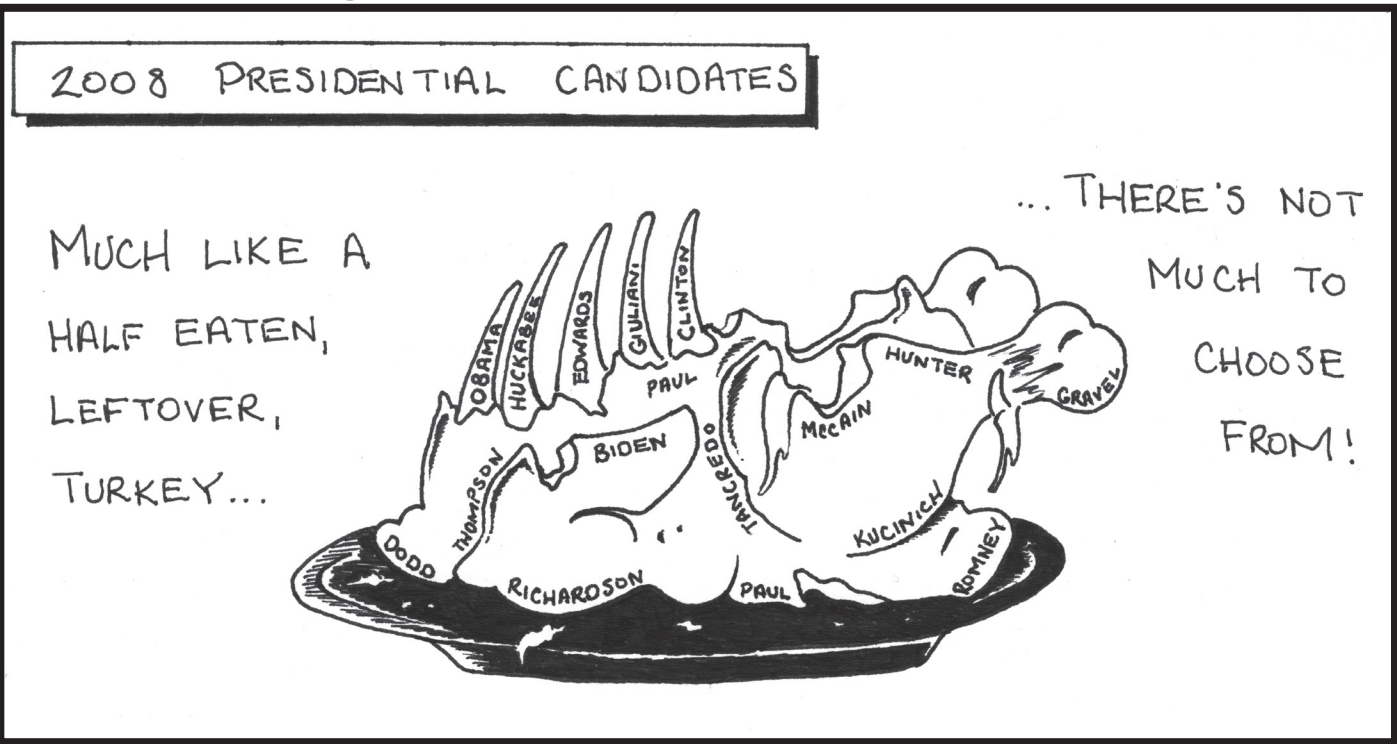
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The Pummeling Pen

By: Eric White



Blaming others for mistakes made gets no one anywhere

“It wasn’t my fault!”  
“They made me do it!”  
“Blame it on them.”

These are all pretty common excuses we have all heard over our lifetime from people who are not willing to fess up when they mess up. However, most people assume by the time one reaches college, they are old enough to take responsibility for their own actions. This, however, is not at all the case.

A disturbing trend in underclassman has been noticed lately by students, faculty, staff, and administration alike. When a freshman or sophomore gets in trouble, now more than ever are they quick to place the blame elsewhere. “The Martin Police Department has been noticing that young people rarely want to accept responsibility for themselves. Their nature now is



Jana Ogg  
Guest  
Columnist

to point the finger and not own up to anything they’ve done once they have been caught,” said Martin Police Chief David Moore on the matter.

Numerous teachers have come forward stating they have had a much harder time these past couple of years in getting everyday, normal assignments from students turned in on time, and it is “never the student’s fault” when it is late. Leaders in campus organizations have been quoted on how they struggle to find accountable members to lean on to get things done.

So what is to blame for

this new fad in the younger generation? Surely the overall character of students has not drastically changed in just two years; however the trend is noticeable enough to be making conversation across campus.

One theory is the lottery scholarship. Funds have been readily made available to students, and many people who would not ordinarily come to college show up solely because they have the money to, not for the norm of wanting to further their education. These kind of people are usually weeded out by the time they become seniors, but their work ethic might still be contagious the first couple of years.

Another theory is that this is simply the way our generation is headed. We are known for our love of instant gratification, and if it is not convenient to us

that day we want no part in it. This generation is said to do whatever makes them happy at the time, with little regard to potential consequences. Thus, when a unforeseen negative outcome does occur, the student is left blindsided with the truth and feels his/her only option is to blame it on someone else.

Regardless of the reason for this new trend, it needs to be addressed. Mrs. V came up with the best solution so far by saying, “People will hold you responsible when you mess up. So step up to the plate and say, I did it! People will be much more willing to work with you if you are compliant.”

So step up to the plate UTM, and whether you hit a home run or strike out, at least people know it was you that was up to bat.

Recycling available for anyone interested in going ‘green’

Brandi Griggs  
Guest Columnist

We’ve all heard the hype. Going green is definitely one of the hottest trends happening right now. From compact fluorescent light bulbs to canvas shopping bags to hardcore recycling, living green has become all the rage. But on a college campus in a smaller town, with fewer resources, where and how does going green fit in?

Our campus already has recycling bins for aluminum and paper almost

everywhere you turn. What about peskier items like ink cartridges, metals, and plastics? Take heart! On December 1, almost anything you can imagine can and will be recycled. Concerned faculty, staff, and students are hosting a Green Day in which everything from scrap metal to cell phones to newspapers can be dropped off to be recycled. It’s all taking place right here on campus, in the football parking lot. So recycling is easier than you think! Want to get involved? Here’s all you need to know:

On Saturday, December 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., bring your recyclable items and drop them off at the football parking lot. What are we taking? ALL plastics, any number and color; ALL kinds of papers, including newspaper, cardboard, and computer paper; aluminum cans for the Boy Scouts; pop-tops for Ronald McDonald House, the Alpha Delta Pi philanthropy; eye glasses for the Lion’s Club; scrap metal; used clothing for area charities; cell phones for the battered women’s shelter; and ink cartridges for the Carroll County

Humane Society. So tell everyone you know to avoid throwing these items away, because they not only cut down on waste in landfills; others desperately need lots of these items.

Partners on this project include the American Democracy Project, the Saturday Morning Cleanup Crew, Second Nature, Tri-Beta/SAACS/Go Green, Sodexho, and the UTM Physical Plant. Belong to or want to belong to any of these organizations? Support your group or come inquire about joining!

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# New legislation grants Freshman Council vote in Senate

Jay Baker  
Managing/News Editor

The Freshman Council now has a vote in the SGA senate as of Thursday, Nov 15 when the Freshman Council Vote bill passed to applause in the UC Legislative Chambers.

“You guys have a voice, we just want a whisper,” said Trenton Woodley, Freshman Council member during discussion of the bill.

There was much discussion and even some criticism for the bill, which was almost tabled for another two weeks. Freshman Council members are not elected by students but appointed by SGA members each fall because of the SGA voting schedule. Because elections happen in the spring semester, incoming Freshman do not have an opportunity to vote.

“I agree with what both of your guys have said, but I think you should speak

with SGA if your voice is not being heard,” said Lucas Goodman, senator.

Both the lack of representation for freshmen and the fact that the Freshman Council is not elected brought the ire of senators and council members.

“Freshman represent approximately a fourth of the student body and as of now we have zero impact ... The Freshman Council president is supposed to act as a liaison between the freshman and SGA. This would help that,” said Phil Masengill, Freshman Council President. “All we ask for is to have a single vote for a fourth of the entire student body.”

Senator Lewis (forgot his first name) moved to table the bill citing a lack of understanding amongst senators and the importance of the issue.

“I just don’t want to go into this not understanding everything totally,” said Lewis.

The motion was defeated and when the bill was brought to a vote it passed with only one dissenting vote.

Freshman Council President Masengill was elated.

“I have to say I’m extremely excited and optimistic about the passage of this legislation. This gives the freshman council a greater opportunity to be actively involved and become part of the legislative process of student government at UTM. I would like to thank everyone who is willing to put faith in the Freshman Council and make this a reality,” said Masengill.

The bill, the fourth piece of legislation passed by SGA this fall, gives the Freshman Council a single vote in the SGA senate, but not a seat. The vote will given by the Freshman Council president who will represent the decisions made by the Freshman Council earlier in the week. The bill will go into effect at this

Thursday’s meeting.

SGA President Erin Chambers was also pleased with passage of the bill.

“I’m just excited about how SGA is moving. I’m really proud of our senators, our Freshman Council Members and all our members for doing what they do. Even though we had a lot of discussion, I’m glad to see the process works and I’m looking forward to representing the student body in a wonderful way,” said Chambers. “I think any legislation that’s passed is a success. I think that it’s just one of the things that our SGA this year has done to more efficiently represent the student body.”

SGA saw to other business as well. Senator Chris Engleman was impeached by a unanimous vote for lack of attendance and failure to maintain office hours.

- Freshman Council Vote Bill
- The Freshman Council granted vote in SGA Senate
  - The Freshman Council President will cast a representative vote
  - The bill does not grant the Freshman Council a seat in the Senate, i.e. the Council President does not become a senator
  - The Freshman Council Vote Bill is the fourth piece of legislation passed this semester.



The 2008 Miss UT Martin- winner, Alexis Jordan Cole (gold dress, left) and 2008 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival winner, Elizabeth Looney (pink dress, right) pose with the pageant judges.

## 2008 pageant winners crowned

Melissa Kimble  
Pacer Writer

Bright lights, decorations and sparkling evening wear set the scene at the Miss UT Martin and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageants.

Saturday November 17, 2007, eleven contestants competed for the chance to win either crown.

Besides being judged on their overall presence, the girls competed in a lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit competition, artistic expres-

sion in talent competition, and presence and poise evening wear competition.

Special appearances were made by the previous pageant winners- Miss UT Martin 2007, Selena DeSantis and Miss TN Soybean Festival 2007, Kara Waddell, who also provided entertainment. The crowning achievement of the night was the presentation of the winners.

For the Miss UT Martin crown, second runner went to Loretta McDonald, while first runner up was taken

by Katelin Turner. For the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival, second place was awarded to Jennifer Cecil while first runner up went to Samantha Doster. Alexis Jordan Cole was crowned Miss UT Martin 2008, while Elizabeth Looney won the crown for Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival 2008.

The event was hosted by Valli Kugler Kelly, Miss Tennessee 2002 who has worked with the current Miss Tennessee and other preliminary talent winners.

## Ranger Challenge team places 4th

Ashley Totty  
Pacer Writer

The Skyhawk Ranger Challenge team recently claimed fourth place at the 5th Brigade Competition in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The team, consisting of ten UTM ROTC students, placed fourth out of eighteen schools present.

Ranger Challenge coach, Cpt. Donnie Hebel, said he was extremely pleased with the team’s placement.

“At the end of the competition, we knew we would not take home the first-place trophy, but we also knew how amazing it was that such a small school can compete with The Citadel, USC, UT Knoxville, Clemson, and several other larger schools and say that we stood our ground,” said Hebel.

In previous years, the competition was separated into divisions by school size. This year’s competition was the first in which there were no divisions.

The competition tests cadets in weapons disassembly/assembly, 50-meter swim, map reading/patroling knowledge, day and night orienteering, hand grenade assault course, fitness obstacle course, physical fitness test, a mystery event (this year’s event was a rope pull), and a 10K combat load road march. In some events are timed individually for each member of the team and then averaged for the team’s total, and other events require the group to compete together as one unit.

The Skyhawk Ranger Challenge team endured a two-month training session prior to competition that is conducted Monday-Friday at 6 A.M. The training session includes a high-intensity upper and lower body workout, a timed-distance run, several full-combat load runs and obstacle courses. This year they also rained on a stress shoot, which consisted of high-intense physical activity

immediately followed by weapons marksmanship.

“Every year, the Ranger Challenge team starts with approximately 20 participants. The numbers usually drop to about 10-12 after the first two weeks with the intensity of the training. There are some years, including this one, when the team drops to nine members and another is recruited late to compete. Those who make it to the competition have proven their loyalty to the team, desire for excellence, and fortitude to handle demanding challenges,” said Hebel.

This years ten members were: Cristine Manning, Travis Payne, Stephen Shopper, Christopher Winchester, Jonathan McAnally, Robert Gallimore, Joseph Graham, Nicholas D’Acquisto, Daniel Wilson, and Rich Casada.

In the past two years, the Ranger Challenge team placed first in their division.

## TWRA instructed to remove levee

Staff Reports

Nashville, Tenn.—The argument continues over whether or not the levee constructed near the Black Swamp in Obion County is a hazard to the environment. After an almost identical plan for the construction of a levee in this area was rejected, the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) moved their plans further away from government reach. By attempting to construct the levee in an area outside the wetlands, the TWRA was not required to receive a permit.

Since the issue was pub-

lished in The Tennessean newspaper, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) sent a letter to the TWRA ordering them to remove the levee and the other structures on the unnamed stream nearby. Environmental regulators concluded that the dike required permits under the state’s clean water laws.

But the TWRA seems to think there is nothing wrong with their project. TWRA’s general manager for the project, Gary Cook, told The Tennessean, “I have absolute faith in the TWRA people that de-

signed it [the dike], that they’re familiar with the law.” The TWRA officials stand by their reasoning that they need no permit because the area is outside the wetlands.

The issue of the swamp is coupled with other projects on TWRA land. The environmental regulators also said that the TWRA needed a permit for the rerouting of a nearby-unnamed stream. The letter sent by the regulators expresses the concern that the new channel is creating

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# Chi Omega and philanthropy grants youth’s wish to go to NFL Pro Bowl



## Crime: Continued from cover

Tupelo, Miss., is perhaps the safest nearby city, statistically speaking. It ranks below the national average in robberies, assaults, murders, and vehicular thefts. As for staying safe during this crazy time of the year, most people would take the “easier said than done” philosophy. However, there are precautions one can take to stay safe. “The most important thing a person can do is to be aware of their surroundings at all times, especially at night,” said Sgt. Byron Taylor of the Jackson Police Department. “You have to pay attention to suspicious characters and be prepared.” Readers should also be advised to not carry anything

valuable unless they must. “Criminals tend to look for people that appear to have more money or valuable possessions on them,” said Taylor. In other words, dress like a bum if you don’t mind other people thinking you really are one. Taylor added, “People should take everything they buy home immediately before going to another store. It’s a really bad idea to leave purchased items lying in plain sight in your vehicle or even in your trunk.” Another obvious tip is to try to park in well-lit areas during the dark night hours. Unfortunately, sometimes even if people are cautious and pay heed to these tips,

they could still become victims. What should a person do if they think they are being apprehended by a thief? “They should try to remain calm and comply. Give the person whatever he or she wants. Then they should contact the police department as soon as possible,” Taylor said. Taylor’s advice rings true. Everyone should remember that money and possessions are not as important as human lives. Heading to this advice will not ensure that everyone will be safe, but it will definitely help. Hopefully everyone will have a safe and happy holiday season.

## Levee: Continued from page 4

“significant erosion” of the area. A retired TWRA supervisor, Jim Johnson, boasts that his former agency probably could have gotten the TDEC to agree to a permit for the rerouting of the stream saying, “The water really wants to go down there anyway.” Johnson, however, is against the

damming of the swamp because of its environmental concerns. The argument over this swamp area has been going on since 2004, when the first plan for the damming of the area was submitted and rejected due to its environmental concerns. The TDEC insists that the levee

will undermine trees and water quality in the area and will do little to improve duck hunting. The TWRA still finds themselves doing no wrong and are continuing to fight the decision in order to build their levee and in turn, hopefully attract more waterfowl for hunting.

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**Emily Payne**  
*Pacer Writer*

Brett Hopper had a wish to go to the National Football League Pro Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii. And this month, the Chi Omega sorority at UT Martin made that happen through the sorority’s national philanthropy, the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Hopper’s wish was revealed to him during halftime at the UT Martin-Murray state football game. The sisters presented Hopper with the NFL Pro Bowl tickets for February along with an autographed football helmet from the Green Bay Packers. The University joined in by giving Hopper a “goody basket” full of UTM merchandise including T-shirts and Skyhawk hats. The celebration continued with a luau-themed party hosted by the sorority, complete with grass skirts, leis and colorful decorations. Hopper and his family enjoyed snacks and games with the sisters of Chi Omega.



# Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

**11/12/07 at 10:15 am**  
**Lot 12** –Richard Griffin issued citation for failure to stop. (Martin City Court)

**11/12/07 at 11:00 am**  
**Mt Pelia Road** – Complaint made by student concerning a vehicle that failed to stop.

**11/12/07 at 10:09 pm** –  
**Church Street** – Mario Aguilar issued citation for driving the wrong way on a one way road. (Martin City Court), issued misdemeanor citation for driving with no drivers license and failure to provide proof of insurance (General Session)

**11/13/07 at 12:30 pm**  
**Elam Center** – There was a theft of property from a building. The investigation continues.

**11/13/07 at 1:22 pm**  
**Clement Hall** – There was a room search a subject was referred to Student Affairs.

**11/13/07 at 11:05 am**  
**B unit University Village** – Herbert Smith and Ryan Jones were arrested for Aggravated Burglary and Fraudulent Use of a Credit/ATM Card (General Sessions)

**11/13/07 at 10:09 am**  
**Union Planters Bank** – Shota Yoshimura was issued a traffic citation for registration violation (Martin City Court) and a misdemeanor citation for no insurance (General Sessions Court)

**11/13/07 at 10:45 am**  
**Hannings Lane** – Jose G Martinez was issued a citation for no brake lights and dark tint over the license plate. (Martin City Court) and a citation for no insurance (General Sessions Court)

**11/13/07 at 9:54 pm**  
**Elam Center** – There was a theft of property from a building. The investigation continues.

**11/14/07 at 8:00 am**  
**Elam Center** – There was a theft of property from a building, investigation continues.

**11/14/07 at 9:34 am**  
**EPS Building** – There was lost property reported by faculty.

**11/14/07 at 12:32 am**  
**Lot 18** – Vandalism was reported to a vehicle. The investigation continues.

**11/14/07 at 10:30 pm**

**Jeffress Street** – Ryan A Mouser was issued a citation for stop sign violation (Martin City Court)

**11/14/07 at 2:25 pm**  
**Gooch Hall** – A tree fell during the storm and damaged the handicap ramp.

**11/15/07 at 1:04 am**  
**A Unit University Village**  
There was a Alcohol violation, Christopher Thorn was referred to Student Affairs and placed on the First Offenders List.

**11/15/07 at 2:10 pm**  
**Elam Center** -There was a theft of property from a building. The investigation continues.

**11/15/07 at 7:35 pm**  
**Ellington Hall** -Medical Assist, Martin Fire and EMS responded. There was no transport.

**11/16/07 at 11:40 am**  
**Gooch Hall** - A Report of lost property, information purposes only.

**11/16/07 at 3:22 pm**  
**Lot 10** – There was vandalism to a ehicle reported, investigation continues.

**11/16/07 at 4:45 pm**  
**Lot 14** – There was damage done to vehicle, possible accident.

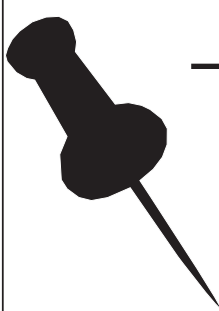
**11/16/07 at 5:43 pm**  
**Browning Circle** – A bicycle was reported lost and later found and returned to owner.

**11/17/07 at 1:48 am**  
**Cooper Hall** – There was alcohol found in room, Taylor D, Griffin, Gregory Barton, Brandon Rosson, Thomas Mills, Chelsea Brown, Alexander C Vafinis, Zachary W Leeper, Emily Sills, were put on the First Offenders list and referred to Student Affairs.

**11/19/07 at 8:15 am**  
**University Courts Laundry Room**-There was vandalism to men’s restroom. The investigation continues.

**11/19/07 at 8:38 am**  
**University Street** – Tara Rogers was issued a citation for speeding, (Martin City Court)

**11/21/07 at 10:40 am**  
**University Center** – A subject tripped and fell and was transported to Student Health. Declined transport to Hospital.



# Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer’s “Campus Bulletin Board” section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer\_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

**Pacer Meetings**

Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Gooch 309. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week’s issue of the student newspaper.

**Cans Across America**

Sodexho Dining Services and Interfaith Campus Ministries have teamed up this year to host the 2nd ever “Cans Across America” canned food drive on Wednesday, November 7. We are asking all students, faculty, and

staff to bring in a canned food donation to help those in need in our community. Drop offs can be made in the Skyhawk Dining Hall. All canned foods collected will go to the local charity, “We Care Ministries.”

**Workshop Partners Education and Youth Service Providers**

The federal and state departments of education are co-hosting a December workshop for organizations seeking to provide educational assistance to economically disadvantaged students in Tennessee. The workshop will be held Tuesday,

December 4 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Nashville. To register, visit <http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/suppserv-workshops.html>. For more information, contact Rachel Woods at (615) 253-1960 or Rachel.Woods@state.tn.us.

**Women In Communication**

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Novemeber 27th at 12:15 pm. in the Gooch Reading Room on the 3rd floor of Gooch Hall. All majors welcome.

**Disgruntled Artists Exhibit**

Visual Arts Society will be hosting an exhibit. Opening reception will be on November 27, 2007. The exhibit will start on Tuesday, Nov. 27 in the Fine Arts Building

**2007 Martin Christmas Parade**

Deadline for entry for organizations is Wednesday Novemeber 28, 2007. There is a \$5 entry fee. For more information contact Sue Lasky, Parade Chairperson at (731) 881-7561.

**Student Dietic Association**

There will be a meeting Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 12:00 noon in the MRA room.



# Fall Fashion 2007

by Casey Curlin



From Milan, Italy, to Martin, Tenn., the most popular looks have swept the globe and given the fashion forward a creative variety of styles and trends to choose from this Fall 2007 season. Where red and black were the dominating colors last fall, this year blue and gray have taken over as the leading hues. They are used extensively in Fall 2007 runway shows and in every clothing combination imaginable. Alexander McQueen and Balenciaga have used bright blue tights to create a retro look while Chanel and Cacharel present slate blue

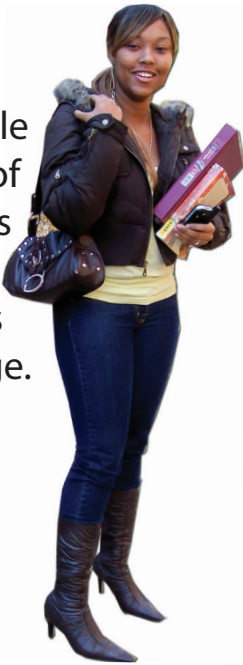
or navy with various shades of gray for a more sophisticated image. You can't go wrong with this color palette. Structurally, this season's dresses and blouses have a tendency to flow away from the body in a billowy fashion while pants, and sometimes skirts, have moved upward and inward, clinging close to the body and rising high on the waist. This construction design places emphasis on the upper part of the body and adds length to the legs. The silhouette is also often achieved by tucking the pants into knee-high boots or wearing skinny jeans. The idea is ac-

cepted in the lines of designers such as Veronique Branquinho and Versace. Several specific clothing trends have made their presence known this fall. Bows are seen quite frequently on the runway; they can be worn around the neck or the waist and in any size. Designers such as Christian Dior, Elie Saab, and Emporio Armani have taken full advantage of this trendy fashion. Mid-waist belts are also hugely popular. Worn around the smallest part of the waist, these belts draw attention to a small midsection. They come in a variety of shapes and styles;

Dolce & Gabbana and Giorgio Armani used very wide corset style belts while Alberta Ferretti and Antonio Berardi applied very thin styles into their lines. Last but not least, tights are utilized by virtually all designers this fall. They are worn in every color and pattern imaginable and with all styles of shoes. Moschino presented white, black, and gray toned tights, Bugirl displayed bright fuchsia and orange tights, and Ashish N Soni showed off floral patterned tights in various different colors.

## On Campus

This student's style reflects the look of Baby Phat designs and is in tune with this season's structural rage.



This student's outfit takes after the tailored fashion of Veronique Branquinho while also going with the looser clothing flow.

This Haider Ackerman resemblance fits this fall's color palette perfectly.



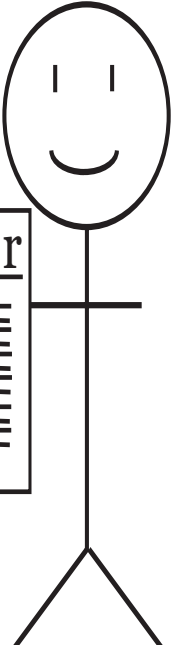
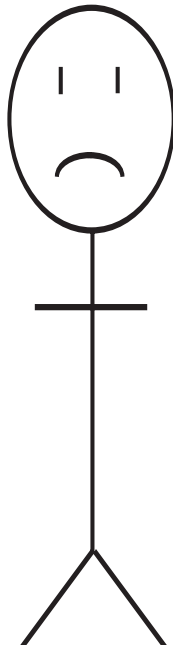
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From the Geek Corner

I hope Amazon's Kindle flops

If you have checked out Amazon.com recently you are sure to have seen their newest product for e-books known as the Kindle. This portable device which is as thin as an average pencil and weighs less than a typical paperback is being hailed as the iPod for books.

Truly the Kindle really has the potential to revolutionize the e-book industry which before now was lackluster at best. The concept is simple. The technology they use is great.

Using the same wireless technology as cell phones to connect to the Web, only without the fee, you can also purchase all your titles online from anywhere at any time. You can also get many new releases for \$9.99 instead of the \$25 you would otherwise have to pay for the book itself. Truly this product is going to shake up the e-book industry to the sound of dollar signs for Amazon who are charging a mere \$400 for the device.

The real shake up, however, is how the market is reacting to this product. Obviously most critics hail the Kindle for its revolutionary ideas, but most are skeptical of its functionality due to some technical hangups on Amazon's end.

One issue, for example, is that all the content on your Kindle will be copyrighted and strongly protected which means that you will not be able to share your books with friends and family unless you hand over your Kindle and no one is going to want to do that.

The sharing of books has been a time honored tradition by most readers which is why it seems almost oppressive to lock down the content on the Kindle. Obviously the book compa-



Jon-Michael St. Amant Technology columnist

nies are not going to allow you to send your e-book from Kindle to Kindle or from Kindle to computer because then they will be diving head first into the same murky and bleak waters the music industry is currently swimming in. The ball then lands in Amazon's court.

Issues such as this and other more obvious pitfalls taint the Kindle from the start. The solutions to such problems will not be very easy for Amazon to iron out. However, the blogosphere has worked out what, in my mind, is a great plan. All Amazon would have to do to fix some of the more major issues is instead of buying an "electronic only" copy of the book you would buy books packaged. For every book you buy on Amazon they could send you the hard copy as well as the e-book which would allow for greater flexibility and sharing.

Being an early adaptor has its advantages but I think that it would be wise to wait this one out. Actually, I hope the Kindle fails, at least the specific concepts that Amazon is presenting us with. I feel that it is vital that for e-books to truly catch on and revolutionize literature like the iPod revolutionized music they need to make a more tolerable solution. Until then I'll stick to reading my literature the same way as Hemingway, Orwell and everyone else since the printing press--hiding behind a hard copy.



www.npr.org/nprmusic/

Charlie McIntosh Technology Editor

Free music is a great thing, but it can be terribly dangerous. As more horror stories come out of the woodwork relative to students getting nailed for downloading free music, more legal alternatives are being made available.

The latest attempt at saving our keesters comes from National Public Radio's Web site. NPR Music, like NPR itself, is a totally non-commercial and free amenity to net users who are interested in hearing, seeing, and keeping up to date on what's happening in the globe musically.

The site itself functions in a similar manner to how MTV used to in years past. You can catch music news on a variety of different artists and genres. In addition, life performances, studio sessions, and artist interviews are also included in the site's expansive features.

The interface of NPR Music is simple and straightforward, making it a user friendly answer to

getting your quick music fix any time you want.

The only major downside to NPR's Music section is the fact that, because it's free, you can't just hear performances from whoever and whenever you want to. You have to pay attention to the site's bulletins and RSS feeds to know when an artist you might be interested in will be featured on the site.

This has a flipside, however, as you can expose yourself to both popular and up-and-coming artists with some balance. NPR Music will not only provide you with free performances and interviews from your favorite artists, but also introduce you to hundreds of artists you wouldn't hear about anywhere else.

NPR's music site is both comprehensive and informative while remaining totally legitimate. NPR Music serves as an entertainment hub for music aficionados of all tastes and is most definitely worth a look.

On the net: www.npr.org/nprmusic/



WHO WANTS TO LIVE FOREVER?

Facebook, MySpace a cyber-graveyard for members who have died

Will York Senior Reporter

Between life and death, myth and reality, deep within the circuits that make up the Internet, ghosts call back to the living.

They don't lie in graves made of earth, no tombstones honor their names, and mourners don't lay flowers.

They're the shadows of a life frozen by death and living memorials.

Mourners wander to their cyberspace tombs with their fingertips, not with their legs, where they lay bouquets of words--notes of fond remembrance or encouragement for those left behind.

UT Martin student Wes Brasher died in April 2007 from an inoperable brain tumor.

The 25-year-old remembered most for his cheery personality and penchant for the guitar was buried in his hometown of Decaturville, a small town east of Jackson, but his other burial ground--Facebook--is accessible to anyone with an Internet connection.

"It's there forever," said Brasher's friend Jenna Wallace. "You think they can read it, they can see it, they know how much you care."

Wallace, 21, a communications major, was among the first to post a note on Brasher's Facebook "wall."

"It was a connection to say how much we really miss him," Wallace said.

The day Brasher died, Wallace posted a short note on his wall, saying in part, "I love you very much and I will see you again!"

His photos tell of happier times, when he played his guitar and celebrated victories with his Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers.

His "news feed," which tells readers of the latest actions by Facebook members, says, "Wes has no recent activity."

Brasher is not the only student remembered through social networking Web sites like Facebook and MySpace.

Jodi Woods, an education major from Lawrenceburg, died in June 2006 from complications of bacterial meningitis, the disease that infects the tissues surrounding the brain.

When Woods' birthday came up Nov. 8, her 148 online friends were notified.

Her Facebook page was sprinkled with notes of remembrance, some as simple as "thinking of you today," and others more lengthy.

"Almost a year, and to

think I couldn't go a day without your face," wrote UTM graduate Jennifer Owens. "I love u."

Woods posted "A day is not a day until you have smiled" as one of her favorite quotes before she died.

During life, these students often chronicled their accomplishments, their jobs, their interests. To read their posts is to wander back to a time before their lives were suddenly stilled.

Brasher, for example, gave a litany of his favorite musicians, quotations and even Bible verses.

Martin native and Army National Guard Spc.

Dustin Laird died in August 2006 when a roadside bomb exploded near the truck he was driving in Iraq.

Laird's MySpace page continues to chronicle his life, and some of his friends hailed him as an American hero. He logged on to the Web site the day before he died.

"We were talking about you today and it just seems so ... unreal," wrote one of Laird's friends. "I hope you know how much we love you and miss you. You're the best, man."

Others talk about meeting in heaven.

The Internet's social networking Web sites have been a haven for young people to congregate for several years, but when their members die, few rules exist on how to deal with their pages.

MySpace takes down profiles of its deceased members if requested by families, and reviews others on a "case-by-case basis," according to the Web site's terms of service.

Facebook's terms of use say the Web site will "generally" keep the user's page online "under a special memorialized status for a period of time determined by us."

Facebook has said that period of time can vary, but is usually about 30 days.

But Facebook doesn't always get around to deleting deceased members' pages; Brasher and Woods' pages remain online well after their deaths.

For some, the Web has been a way to broadcast funeral arrangements and other requests from mourners.

For Wallace, a self-admitted Facebook addict who has incorporated the Web site into her daily routine, it can be a source of comfort.

"It's a weird feeling," Wallace said. "It's very weird to see it just the way it was before (Brasher) died. It's sort of an alien feeling."

Go to www.utmpacer.com for the YouTube Video of the week.



Join Holland America Line and the Center for Global Studies for an informative talk on cruising and the upcoming UTM Faculty, Staff, Alumni, and friends cruise scheduled for next May.

Who: Anyone interested in learning more about cruising and the UTM Alaska trip

When: Nov. 29, 2006 from 4:30pm-6pm  
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## Hudson makes NCAA history, has positive outlook on rest of season

**John Summers**  
Sports Editor

Lester Hudson became the first player to record a quadruple-double in the history of NCAA Division 1 men's basketball Nov. 13 in the University of Tennessee at Martin's 116-74 victory over Central Baptist College.

A quadruple-double occurs when a player reaches double digits in four statistical categories. Lester had 25 points, 12 rebounds, 10 assists and 10 steals in the game.

This feat has only been accomplished once in Division 1 women's history and four times in the NBA (at least since the 1973-74 season), so Hudson joins an elite group. His accomplishment was even mentioned at the end of SportsCenter later that night.

"I owe my success to practicing year-round and to my teammates. I owe a lot to them and I couldn't do it without them," Hudson said.

Hudson was named OVC player of the week for his efforts.

"I've been around basketball for a lot of years now, but I have never been around a player who has had a quadruple-double," said men's basketball head coach Bret Campbell. "You hit a triple-double and that's pretty special. He (Hudson) makes us hum, obviously. Not only can he score, but he also makes everybody around him better, and that's the good thing about him."

Through six games thus far, Hudson is averaging 27.2 points, 8.5 rebounds, 4.2 assists, and almost 4 steals and 4 three-pointers made per game. He is also shooting 48 percent from the field and 82 percent from the free throw line.

UTM has had three games since Hudson's amazing accomplishment.

On Nov. 15, they lost a thriller to Central Arkansas



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(Left): Lester Hudson defends against a Covenant College player. Hudson had 32 points and 9 rebounds in the 103-77 victory. Hudson made NCAA history earlier in the year when he had the first quadruple-double in men's basketball history. (Right): Marquis Weddle attempts a jumper against Covenant College. Weddle had 27 points and 8 rebounds in the victory.



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78-75.

UTM went on a 25-8 run during the first half and led 44-29 at halftime. The Skyhawks had total control and appeared that they would pick up their third win of the year.

However, Central Arkansas opened the second half on a 19-7 run to make the game interesting. Later, they took their first lead of the game on a jump shot by Marcus Pillow with 6:18 left.

On the very next play, UTM regained the lead on a three-pointer by Hudson. He then stole the ball on Central Arkansas' next possession and hit another three to give the Skyhawks a four point advantage.

A referee appeared to make a horrible call on Central Arkansas' next possession. It appeared that Andres Irarrazabal made a clean block, but a foul was called and Central Arkansas knocked down

both free throws.

The teams traded baskets and free throws until Central Arkansas had a three point lead late in the game. Hudson ran down the court and made a three with five seconds remaining to tie the game.

Central Arkansas did not take a timeout; Pillow ran down the court and hit a three with just one second left to hand UTM a three point loss.

UTM also lost 86-70 at

Mississippi State on Nov. 17. Hudson and Gerald Robinson produced double-doubles in the defeat. Robinson is also averaging a double-double on the year; he is averaging 17 points and over 10 rebounds per game thus far.

The Skyhawks evened their record on the season at 3-3 with a 103-77 win over Covenant College on Nov. 19.

Hudson has a positive outlook for the rest of the

season.

"We have plenty of talent and I think we have a great chance of going deep into the OVC tournament," Hudson said.

The Skyhawks next game is Nov. 29 at Arkansas State. They do not have another home game until Dec. 8, when they open OVC play against Jacksonville State.

## Student-athletes give back to community during busy times

**John Summers**  
Sports Editor

Individuals on the Tennessee-Martin athletic teams have a busy schedule, as they must keep up in school while playing and practicing. However, they still find time to give back to the community and surrounding areas.

The men's basketball team regularly has clinics for interested teens and adolescents. Their latest one was on Nov. 10 at the Boy's Club in Union City.

"We went to the Boy's Club, which is mainly boys age 7 to 13, and just talked to them for a while. Then, we had about a two-hour clinic, going through some fun drills and stuff like that," said Bret Campbell, the men's basketball coach.

The next clinic the team will have is slated for Dec. 15 at Dresden.

The women's basketball team also has free clinics for youngsters. The major-

ity occurred when the team put on six clinics in October. "We do most of our work in the preseason, because we either practice or play on Saturdays," said women's basketball coach Tara Tansil.

The Lady Skyhawks also serve food in the Soybean Festival every year.

The women's soccer team will be handing out toys at hospitals very soon.

"We're currently organizing this with the Ads Children's Medical Center and trying to get it worked out," said soccer coach Craig Roberts.

Coach Roberts also said that he will juggle at half-time of some basketball games and the proceeds will go to charity.

The tennis team will visit St. Jude's Hospital after the first of the year. They will also visit the Target House in Memphis.

"Target, along with Tiger Woods and some other celebrities, has set up a

house for the families of sick children," said tennis coach Dennis Taylor.

The Target Corporation website states that the Target House provides "a safe haven where families can find comfort and companionship. Target House provides free, fully equipped two-bedroom apartments for patients receiving treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for 90 days or more."

UTM's baseball, softball, cross country, and rifle teams regularly participate in Habitats for Humanities and canned food drives.

Calls to the offices of the rest of the UTM sports teams were not immediately returned.

As you can see, UTM athletes are very busy people, but are very appreciative of everything they have and are ready and willing to give some back to the less fortunate.

## Rodeo teams in good shape through first half of season

**Samantha Davis**  
Staff Writer

When most UTM students hear the word "rodeo," they tend to think of the home rodeo every year in April. However, the season continues throughout the school year for the members of the rodeo team.

With a total of ten rodeos (five in each semester), rodeo members stay on the road, driving all over the Ozark region.

With gas prices escalating and some rodeos as far as nine hours away, it is common to see several students pulling out of a dually truck pulling horse trailers with

several horses in it.

Rodeo student-athletes differ from athletes in other sports. Unlike most college teams that travel in buses, rodeo members drive their own trucks and trailers. They usually put their own money into these trucks for gas and diesel.

Another difference is that rodeo members not only have the chance to win points for the team to qualify for the College National Finals, but they also have the chance to individually win money for their hard work in each event.

College rodeos are a tough sport. Not only can it be costly, but it can also be

brutal to an athlete's body.

The 2007-2008 rodeo season is now halfway over after the Nov. 15 rodeo at Murray State University. Both the men's and women's teams are placed high in the Ozark Region standings after five rodeos. Unofficially, the men's team sits in first place and the women are fifth.

The rodeo members now have a long break until the season will kick back up for the Mississippi State rodeo on March 6.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for the home rodeo in Martin from April 10-12.

## Upcoming Basketball Schedule:

- women will be at home vs. Saint Louis --- Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.
- men will be on road vs. Arkansas State --- Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.
- both will be on road Dec. 1 --- men's at Saint Peter's; women's at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi
- both will be at home for the OVC opener against Jacksonville State on Dec. 8 --- women will play at 4 p.m. & men will play at 6